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Key Clubbers Elect Members, Map Plans For Year

Plans For Year

At a recent meeting of the Key
Club the following boys, having
met the requirements of maintaining a scholastic average in the upper third of the school during the
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Class of '49 Creates Fitts Memorial

READ .
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... the first of a series of sports specials by Robert McNeilly; this month—'My Greatest Sports Thrill' by Howard Allen.
... the Montgomery Bell Academy Alma Mare included on page it in your wallet for your convenience?"





an the most look a little underfed and the water pressure in the science building is still a bit high... So owns as Tyrone McDaniel takes up the habit; he was the water of th

Mr. Moody Takes Over Frosh and Sophomore English

This fall we have with us at MBA James William Moody who is

This fall we have with us at MBA James William Moody who is teaching freshman and sophomore English. He replaces Paul Hood who has gone back to Peabody College for post graduate work.

Mr. Moody, a Yankee no less, was born in Oak Park, Illinois on July 20, 1920. In 1934 he entered Oak Park High School and graduated in 1938. From there he entered Lawrence College in Appleton, Wis., but transferred and was graduated from the University of the South in Sewmee in 1942. Here he took part in many sports of which his favorite was swimming. He served in the U. S. Navy for Pearl Harbor during this period. He returned to the University of the South in 1946 to do post graduate work in the field of English. From there he has come to MBA. He dislikes any form of card game, especially bridee, and he state of the control of the South in 1946 to do post graduate work in the field of English. From there he has come to MBA. He dislikes any form of card game, especially bridee, and he state of the control of the south in 1945 to do not seen to MBA. He dislikes as great stock car racing fan and loves any type of the sport. His favorite form of racing is sail boat puis a great stock car racing fan and loves any type of the sport. His favorite form of racing is sail boat puis sail boat puis his great stock car racing fan and loves on the subject is: "Excellence in billiereds is evidence of missnent wouth." He resides with his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Yawn of Memphis, on Acklen Ar. St. George's Episcopal Church. He is in noted for his sarceastic but humorous remarks to students that ask him impossible questions.

The student body hopes that Mr. Moody likes MBA as much as MBA likes him. He is already a big hit with the students and faculty alike mimportant part of the administration of MBA. As a permanent tribute to Henry Fitts the MBA graduating class of 1949 has established the Henry A. Fitts Award to be given annually at commencement for outstanding achievement in the field of journalism. The initial presentation will be made at the 1950 commencement exercises. ment exercises.

This award is to be financed by the interest from a fund made possible by substantial contributions from every member of last year's graduating class. As a goal for MBA boys the Henry A. Fitts plaque will join such other rewards for excellency as the Thomas H. Malone Award, the Howard Allen Award, and the Martin Award.

ALAN COOPER

Know MBA—The Bell Ringer was first published in 1944 to re-place a smaller publication, The Montgomery Bell News.



Dr. R. L. Sager To the educator, a degree

Mr. Sager Receives Litt.D. Degree From

Litt.D. Degree From Hampden-Sydney
On June 7, 1949, Mr. R. L. Sagerwas awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature by his alma of Virginia poden-Sydney College.

The presentation was made by Dr. Edgar Gammon, president of the college, in the following words: "Richard Lee Sager, first honor graduate of the class of '24, educator of boys for the past twenty-five years, president of the Mid-South Association of Independent South Association of Independent South Association of Independent Perm. I have been seen to be degree in 1924 and his Mr. A degree from Peabody Cellege in 1933.

There were three regular honorary degrees conferred at the comary degrees conferred the commendation of Mr. Richard Reynolds, who was (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Virginia Lawyer **Unravels Secret** Of "Tatomoi"

56 New Maroons

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As the portals of MBA swing open for the eighty-second consecutive term, fifty-six new faces appeared, all having the same lean, hungry look which has ever denoted a desire for hard work and learning.

Composing this year's group of new students are: Garrett Adams, new students are: Garrett Adams, Brooks, Russell Brothers, Bill Brown, Tommy Buford, Duncan Prooks, Russell Brothers, Bill Brown, Tommy Buford, Duncan Callicott, John Caruthers, Bobby Chaffin, Don Chickey, Watt Crockett, Der Dickerson, John Cobson, etc., Der Dickerson, John Cobson, Glibons, Alan Goar, Bobby Herbert, Charles Jones, John Keister, Merritt Lane, Matt Maddin, William Mitchell, Hal Moore, Robert Moody, John Kansey, Johnny Rankorf, John Ramsey, Johnny Rankorf, Sidney, Standolph, Santon, Sa

Yearwood.

Although new students, the above mentioned are displaying excellent understanding of school spirit by entering into all activities (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

"Camp won't seem right without him . . . "

On Monday morning, July 18th, death came to Henry Fitts.

To some it was only a newspaper announcement; but to those many who know him there was more than the average loss attached, because Henry was more than the average boy, more than the speaker of monosyllables whose total future is the coming week-end. No matter where you met him—on the paper staff (as it was with me), on the football team, as a fraternity brother, or just around MBA—he always impressed you that way, as having that spark, that desire, that determination, that imagination from which great men stem. He impressed you as the type about whom some day you could say, "I knew him when."

He was a boy who had his burning interests and likes; and when he liked a thing he did it, and did it well. He played Microbe football in 1944, Junior Varsity in '45 and '46. Varsity, '47 and '48. To the potential journalists last year, he was the live-wire, on-the-ball editor, pleading for the material to come in, struggling against the deadline. His writing won him the Thomas H. Malone Jr, prize, which he received with the Commercial Law and Economics Medal for merit at commencement last June.

In his church he was a leader—president of the Acolytes Guild, outstanding in the Young Peoples Service League; and in the Boy Scouts, his real love, he has carved an eternal place. From a raw Tender Foot in 1943 he became a Life Scout, 1944, Eagle, planned by the Order and dedicated to Henry, is being made possible through the Henry Fitts Memorial Fund.

His loss will mean a great deal to a great many of us. The Boy Scouts prett; well summed it up, "Camp will not seem right without him there." Henry's passing has made a big gap in all our lives.

Down	STAFF
Editor	Dick Cantrell Alan Cooper
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Spirit a la MBA

"School spirit" is the phrase usually tacked to the yelling a student body does, to its loyalty, to its enthusiasm, and other marks of emotion. It is the phrase and they are the actions usually tacked—but somehow at MBA these terms look rather sick beside the things they modify.

For MBA is not a 1939 product built to accommodate an overflow of kids, and its spirit is not a weekly rah-rah for a so-so ball club. It is one hundred and forty-three years of deep-seated tradition. It is two hundred throats trying to scream the Ryan gym down as Big Red edges East in the Eighth District tourney; it's a deafening roar when Coach announces in study hall that Cohn's "city champions" have condescended to play us in a post-season game; it's grabbing a win out of the bleachers to climax an unbeaten fiftieth year of football; it's Robbie Worrall and Bennie Gentry, Buddie Hewitt and Al Whitson, Jack Sparks and Bill Wade; it's guts and determination on the workers to the desired of the standard of the stan and determination and unbeaten teams when other schools were vacant lots or mud flats. To say MBA has "school spirit" is to say the Cadillac is a passable car or the New York Yankees is a fair ball club. There's an incomparable, untouch-able "MBA spirit" greater than all the "school spirits" combined.

Recently there has been a trend on the part of both students and faculty to disregard that spirit, to forget one hundred and forty-three years. You can't occasionally put a student body in the grandstand during the latter half of lunch period, say "Boys, you have ten minutes—get excited!" and expect remarkable results. It doesn't work that way. Spirit is spontaneous, not artificial. If treated like a water fountain which turns on and off at will, that spirit will eventually respond like several of the fountains around school—it won't even turn on at all.

DR. SAGER

DR. SAGER (Continued from Page 1, Column 4) awarded a degree of Doctor of Laws, had been taught some years ago by Mr. Sager at the McCallie ago by Mr. Sager at the McCallie strange concidence, one of Mr. Sager's classmates attending the reunion knew about "Totomor".

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(Continued from Page 1, Column 1)
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West, grabs early shower . . .
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Class News

Junior School News

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Here we are again! No more resting in the cool shade of a tree. The luxuries of summer are over. The luxuries of summer are luxuries of summer are luxuries over. The luxuries of summer are luxur

Freshman News

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The Freshman class is larger
than usual, hence more talent,
lege list, Mr. Wise says he has an
unusual algebra class this year.
What other Freshman class has
had two men (Roger Blackwood and
Charley Brooks) playing on
the varsity team? Blackwood threw
a touchdown pass in the West
This class has a Temple as well as
a double for Harpo Marx (Martin
Roberts), and no one can tell who
has the Tomi. (Wayne Blackwelder is leading the list of speed drivers but has close rivals. John
ant to Mr. Moody in giving demerits. Several Freshmen are doine all right on the Junior Vargity
team. "Lover-boy" Sloan has been
bragging about how rough he
played in the Cumberland game.

Sophomore News

Sophomore News
The Sophomore class is asked to
contribute to the H.C.F.S.L. (Hair
cut for Shabiy Lance). Collection to be taken Monday.
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year.

On the football field it's the famous combination of Hawkins to Coble, but in the English class it's Moody to DuPlantier, and we don't mean forward passes. "DuPlantier—Two!"

Junior News

Junior News

Harmony reigns in the classrooms. All anyone wants to know,
though, is who will hit first. Some
of the teachers and their favorites
("Speedy") Rolfe, Mr.
and Alan "Tm a member of the
Key Club" Cooper, Mr. Wise and
Jimmy Cherry. The demorst Among
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Nobody is speaking to Eddie
Deck since he straightened up the
lab so that things can be found.

Senior News

Happy new year! The Senior class is back again, begging for more. Mrs. B starts things off with a bang by handing out English quizzes along with the book lists. Madden makes plus grade, goes on an ovaltine binge to celevate of the start of

M.B.A. WELCOMES

(Continued from Page 1, Column 5) and will probably go far in helping themselves and MBA during the coming year. Good luck to all of you and WELCOME!

Know MBA—The last city cham-pionship baseball team MBA had was the '30 squad. After that sea-son baseball was discontinued until 1944. Coach Allen played on the 1936 team.

Graduate: "I am indebted to you for all I know."
Professor: "Oh, don't mention such a trifle."

Doctor: "Exercise will kill all germs."
Patient: That may be but how do I get the germs to exercise?

Pat: "Did you see that girl grin at me?"
Mat: "It's a wonder she didn't laugh."

Joe: "Listen you, I'm a tough guy, I'm a boxer. I box guys and lay 'em out."

Mike: "Yeah? Well, I'm an undertaker. 'I lay 'em out and then box 'em."

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Our Historic. Heroic. Humorous, Past

by John Adams

nere have been quite a few improvements and additions made in the last few years. The most recent is, of course, the water fountain that was put in by the class of '49.

tain that was put in by the class of '49.

Though not many of us remember it, the patio around the back door was a perpetual bog until the brick walks and terrace were put in. The flag pole, cannon, benches, and memorial to Montgomery Beil and memorial to Montgomery Beil been added to beautify the campus. Along the athletic line there have been additions too. The metal football stands that run from goal line to goal line are a vast improvement over the wooden bleachers that were formerly on the field. Before the fense was put around the playing field the spectators used to stairs shower room, bleachers for the gym, and tennis courts along with all the other work that has been done have given M.B.A. an unusually well equipped athletic plant.

With all this in mind let us think before we start to run down the school or complain about the lack of facilities.

Know MBA—Since the interscholastic league was organized MBA football teams have won the championship three times. The only other school to accomplish this is Cohn; however, one of the years Cohn was declared champion, the Maroon team humbled them 27-13.



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J. V. Powerhouse Rips West, Cumberland

Netters Bide Time During Fall Season

During fall Season
Although fifteen boys are currently participating in the fall tenies program, some of the boys around whom Coach J. C. Rule will build the nucleus for the City Champs come spring are not active now. Imman Fox, the State Champion, is resting after a busy summer of campaigning, as are John Floyd Howell and Sambe Harwell. One of the team, Fontaine Me-

Microbes Edge Parmer, 7-6, On Martin T. D.

Martin T. D.

An inch was as good as a mile for the MBA Microbes as they opened their season victoriously Thursday, September Zz, at Andrews Field.

After a scoreless first quarter, coaches Blackburn and Moody's men came to life. End Jim Martin scored the Red touchdown and Bobby Caruthers ran over the extra point. Minutes later, however, Parmer raced a touchdown across the MBA goal but the extra point attempt falled.

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"My Greatest Sports Thrill"

by HOWARD ALLEN as told to Robert McNeilly It was a football game back in 12 that I remember as my great-sports thrill. Murray was plated to the sports thrill. Murray was plated to the sport of the sp relve thousand people; now the owds get as large as seventy-five

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Ferguson	RT _	Henr
Bryan	RE	Griff
Hawkins	QB	Kle
Ray	HB	Dav
Worrall	НВ _	Sparl
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Hopkinsville _____6 0 0 0—6 Scoring touchdown: M.B.A.— Ray, Hawkins (2). Hopkinsville— (Continued from Page 3, Column 3)

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179	Yards rushing	15
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8	Passes completed	9
117	Yards passing	82
	Lineup	

	Lineup	
MBA (39)	Pos.	West (0)
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McNeilly		Smith
Graham		Madry
Ferguson	RT	Payne
Bryan		
Hawkins		Thompson
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Worrall		
Madden		
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Ray, Bryan 2.	Extras:	Edwards 3.
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Personality of the Month



Robert McNeilly

Kobert McNeilly

To start the new year off with a bang we have selected one of the most outstanding boys at the Academy as personality of the month—Robert McNeilly. "Fat Mac" is easily recognized by his friendly smile and keen sense of humor. As to his physical aphunor, as to his physical aphunor, as a little unusual, to say the least.

Coming from Parmer school, Mac

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ordinary—except for his haircuts, which are a little unusual, to say the least.

Coming from Parmer school, Macentered MBA as a Freshman and was promptly elected class representative to the Honor Council. Sophomore year Bob everyed as Sophomore year Bob everyed as Sophomore sloo, he was center and alternate captain of the Junior Varsity football team and a standout on the championship Cootie basketball team. The following the school of the Junior Class and made the Varsity football steam and had the Varsity football squad, playing behind Don Wade at the center post. This year he is running first string, and his rack-em-up line-backing make him one of the city's top make him one of the city's top make him one of the city's top the string of the stri

nended.

A few of Robert's likes and diskes follow:
Favorite subject: English.
Hardest subject: English.
Easiest subject: History.
Favorite sport: Football.
Favorite food: Steak and french
ries.

fries.

Most disliked food: Parsnips.
Favorite actress: June Allyson
(Wait till Hawkins hears this).

HOPTOWN

(Continued on Page 4, Column 1)
Extras: Edwards (2).
Subs: M.B.A.—Horn, Gibbs,
Brooks, Wills, Blackwood, Gates,
Smith, Rolfe, Ackley. Hopkinsville Gerhart, Mabry, Groves,
Adams, Long, Brockman, Lancaster, Thompson, Nichols.

VARDSTICK

		Hopkin	
		MBA	ville
First D		13	5
Yards	Rushing	_320	151
Yards	Passing	_ 40	0
Passes		4	2
Passes	Completed	_ 2	0

PARMER

PARMER (Continued from Page 3, Column 2)
Late in the fourth quarter Jack Standfer of MBA intercepted a Standfer of MBA intercepted a Parmer pass deep in his own territory and raced back sixty-five yards near the opposing goal. Beyords near the opposing goal. Beyords may the proposing goal. Beyords with the page of th

ALUMNI NEWS

By Gilbert Templeton

T. I. S.

(Continued from Page 3, Column 5) Wade, pitched completion after completion, two to End Charles Delaney for tailies. Ray ran 64 yards around end for another MBA six pointer in this period. In the final quarter Worrall ran a lateral over from the sixteen for his fourth TD of the night. Birdwell of TIS ended the night's parade of touchdowns by plunging over from the two.

MBA	Pos.	TIS
Coble	LE	B. Owen
Leech	LT_	Wadley
Horn	LG	Witt
McNeilly _	C	Gaylor
Graham	RG.	Weaver
Ferguson _	RT	Omar
Bryan	RE_	Delaney
Hawkins _	QB	Birdwell
Rav	HB	Riles

Wilbur Creighton, just back from a month's trip to the wild and wooly West, says the farming is superb.

I just received word from Sewance that Ernest Franklin is doing a fine job in his studies and outside functions (mostly outside functions).

Everyone at Vanderbilt is wondering what Billy Price plans to be in later years. Price is taking such courses as a sartology, biology, botany, and math. It is my opinion that Price will get Dickie Miller

Worrall	нв	Thomas
Madden	FB	Keller
Scoring:		
MBA	21	7 7 6-41
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(Continued from Page 3, Column 4)
Subs: MBA—P. McDaniel, Ack-ley, Gibbs, Hollins, Cate, Black-wood, J. Adams, Smith, Wills, Brooks, C. McDaniel, Horn. West
—Slagle, White, Jenkins, Daniels, Caldwell, Swift, Kinser, Tinnon, Nance, Crockett, Felts, Bubbs.

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